

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment 2/4/05 and the telecommunication on 3/18/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-17.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 09 February 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 3/18/05 .
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.



EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Paul Teng (Reg. No. 40,837) on 3/18/05.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A signal processing apparatus comprising:

a digital signal processor comprising an internal memory part storing a program to be executed;

an external memory part storing programs executable in said digital signal processor;

a clock signal generating part generating a clock signal and outputting the clock signal to said digital signal processor; and

a clock signal control part controlling outputting of said clock signal to said digital signal processor so that said programs stored in said external memory part can be forwarded to said internal memory part,

wherein the control of output of the clock signal is performed without initializing said digital signal processor, and

wherein the clock signal is stopped for transfer of the programs to the internal memory part.

Claim 8 (currently amended) A modem for modulating/demodulating a communication data by using a signal processing apparatus comprising:

a digital signal processor comprising an internal memory part storing a program to be executed;

an external memory part storing programs executable in said digital signal processor;

a clock signal generating part for generating a clock signal and outputting the clock signal to said digital signal processor; and

a clock signal control part controlling outputting of said clock signal to said digital signal processor so that said programs stored in said external memory part can be forwarded to said internal memory part,

wherein the control of output of the clock signal is performed without initializing said digital signal processor, and

wherein the clock signal is stopped for transfer of the programs to the internal memory part.

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

a) Oki (US 5,870,595) shows a clock signal to the DSP is cut off when a transfer halt signal output.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Denise Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-4189. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:50 a.m. to 5:20 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matt Kim, can be reached on (571)272-4182. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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